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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday:—Virginia—Rain Sunday and probably Monday; fresh northwest winds, becoming northeast.
North Carolina—Rain Sunday, warmer in east portion; Monday fair in west, rain in east portion; fresh northeast winds.
There were clouds and sunshine in Richmond yesterday. The atmosphere was warm and damp. The stars were obscured by clouds at midnight.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	46
12 M.	51
3 P. M.	51
6 P. M.	49
9 P. M.	48
12 Midnight	47
Average for 24 hours	48

Highest temperature yesterday	51
Lowest temperature yesterday	41
Mean temperature yesterday	46
Normal temperature for March	60
Departure from normal temperature	4
Precipitation during past 24 hours	0.0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises.....6:25	HIGH TIDE.
Sun sets.....6:14	Morning.....2:15
Moon rises....4:24	Evening.....2:33

March 14, 1904.

Sun rises.....6:24	HIGH TIDE.
Sun sets.....6:16	Morning.....3:09
Moon rises....4:57	Evening.....3:18

Richmond.

Little Church Hill girl seized by a negro brute, but screams despite his threats and is saved—Captain Joseph E. Willard for Democratic nomination for Governor. Mr. Reed Scott's horse plunges into a cave-in, while in a chase, but the rider and horse escape unhurt—Jury in the \$20,000 damage suit of John H. Busby against Luther Dawson, Harry Marks and Sol. L. Bloomberg bring in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$30,000—General Assembly decides to adjourn until Tuesday, but the work is practically finished—The Machen primary bill talked to death in the Senate—Budget to be considered by Board of Aldermen Tuesday night, and light of the new Richmond Hotel to be opened April 1st—Felix Keegan elected president of the Lexington Hotel Company—Branch civil service headquarters to be established here—Shooting season to open with interesting event next Thursday—Dr. Randall wants to meet Professor Dwyer again—Methodist, Baptist and Christian Sunday School Association to meet to-day—Decision reached to hold annual convention of Potomac Association of United States at Old Point in July—Suit brought against George E. Fisher in New York over Patent and Power Company bonds—Phi Delta Theta to hold annual reunion Tuesday—Improvements in the State Library continued—Dr. H. H. Smith, of the University of Virginia, to visit to-day—Most of what we get at market coming from other places—Dr. Hamill to hold a Sunday school in the future here—MARCH 13.—A large number of men are unloading—Wedding announcement of Miss Galt and Mr. Galt—Arrested for stealing brasses—Surprise party in Swansboro—Mr. W. C. Pulliam chosen delegate to Lynchburg.

Virginia.

An authoritative statement concerning the Tidewater Railroad, its organization, route and the proposed construction, and no bonds for sale; construction the fastest for heavy traffic; from coal fields direct to Norfolk—L. L. Castleberry afraid of the Norfolk and Western, and to court to be ordered to carry a deadly weapon—The pavilion at Ocean View closed Saturday with oil; supposed fishermen bent on demolishing the pavilion to go to Virginia Beach to test the beach for a racing track—Norfolk police appear to be on the alert for a man being a prisoner—Statue to be unveiled at Fairfax to first soldier killed in battle during the Confederate War—At Gordonsville close their doors and go into liquidation; failing off of deposits given as caused—The Southern Express Company caused 35 small offices in the State to-day on account of telegraphers' strike, and put new men in the larger ones; independent express offices to be organized—At Allen, colored, in jail at Buckingham C. 11, for killing Henry Monroe—Many rumors about the opening of the American University at Washington but the proposition overruled; Rev. Jasper Sago suspended for one year for improper conduct—At Winchester, a liquor venditor heavily punished at Leesburg—Local committee in Petersburg making extensive office of the State—At the State Epworth League convention—M. H. Hanna presents John L. Lee, of Lynchburg, who is a minister—At the State Point of view, a large demonstration Wednesday the completion of new water works.

North Carolina.

Mrs. R. McCrary killed and her niece badly hurt by a Southern train while driving at Linwood, N. C.—Charles Campbell, slayer of Silver Creek Sam Taylor, escapes by a clever trick—New charters granted by the Secretary of State—Colonel S. H. Bain, inspector-general, Monday inspection of militia companies of the State—A real gold brick exhibited at Raleigh worth \$5,000—The Audubon Society meets at Greensboro; North Carolina sixth in its intelligent protection of game—Bishop A. Coke Smith arrives at Charlotte minus his baggage.

General.

Russia believes she will have to fight England, as well as Japan, and is making preparations accordingly, fortifying the Baltic and taking other precautions—According to a German newspaper—France, of course, believed to be acting with Russia—General Kurapatkin leaves St. Petersburg, accompanied by his staff, for a trip to the Far East, where he will take command of the Manchurian army—The departure of the general was marked by demonstrations of patriotism and personal regard such as seldom have been witnessed in the Russian capital. The

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Excitement Last Night on Church Hill.

MEN AND BOYS RUN BLACK CRIMINAL

Supposed That He Intended Criminal Assault, But Was Scared Off.

THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE CALLED FOR HELP

But the Child, Only Eleven Years Old, Screamed Loud and Long and Many Came to Her Assistance—The Negro Fled Through the Streets.

The piercing shrieks of a little white girl in the grasp of a big, burly negro last night, startled the dim, quiet streets of Church Hill in an animation, the like of which they have not known for many a long day.

Under cover of the darkness, yet within a stone's throw of open stores and lighted houses, the black man seized the child and with one dirty hand half covering her face, threatened to kill her if she screamed for help. But stream after stream of light and long, and with the strength of desperation, doors opened and into the streets came men and women, including the mother of the girl, none knowing the cause for the tumult, but all prepared to give ready assistance where assistance was needed.

With a bound the negro released his intended prey and fled up the street, around the first corner and thereafter as hard as he could tear in any direction that came next. A gathering crowd of men and boys followed in his rear, yelling and muttering threats. The police also soon joined in the chase, and the neighborhood was thoroughly aroused. But no trace of the fleeing criminal could be discovered, after he disappeared over a fence in Church Hill Avenue. The excitement gradually calmed down, and before midnight everything was quiet again.

How It Happened.

The little girl is Myrtle, the youngest daughter of Mrs. M. F. Luffsey, a widow, who occupies the lower half of No. 212 East Marshall Street. The child is seven years old, and a bright and lively little thing.

About twenty-five minutes after eight o'clock last night, Mrs. Luffsey discovered that there were no matches in the house, and she gave little Myrtle five cents and sent her to a store on Broad Street across the street from her home to get some. On her way the child stopped at her grandmother's, then went to the store, got the matches and started back to join her mother, who was getting ready to leave the house for another store to make the breakfast.

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FAST TRAIN RAN INTO A CARRIAGE

Mrs. McCrary Killed and Her Niece Very Badly Hurt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., March 12.—About fifteen miles north of here this afternoon, Mrs. R. McCrary and daughter, Miss Lillian, of Winston-Salem, N. C., while out driving, attempted to cross the railroad near Linwood Station, and were struck by the Southern Railway southbound fast mail, which was an hour late and running at the rate of about sixty-five miles an hour. Mrs. McCrary was killed instantly, her body being mangled beyond recognition. Miss McCrary's injuries are considered serious, but not thought to be fatal. She was brought to Salisbury Hospital by special train, and was unconscious when the train arrived here.

The scene where the awful accident occurred in a deep cut, and the engineer did not see the approaching vehicle until they were right on the tracks. He immediately reversed the engine, but too late to avoid the crash. Miss McCrary is a most lovable young woman, and is quite popular in Winston-Salem and Lexington, where she was visiting. It is reported that the young woman was to have been married next month.

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NEW YORK, March 12.—Oliver Harriman, formerly and for many years one of the best known dry goods merchants in this city, and prominent in its financial and social life, died to-day at Mount Kisco, where he had been for the last fifty years. He was one of the founders of the firm of Low, Harriman and Company. One of the children is Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt. E. H. Harriman, president of the United Pacific Railway Company, is his nephew.

BISHOP A. COKE SMITH MINUS HIS BAGGAGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 12.—Bishop A. Coke Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, arrived here last night en route to Chapel Hill. He came in minus all of his baggage. He was relieved of his dress suit case, containing his wearing apparel near Columbia. An umbrella which he was strapped to the case was also missing. Bishop Smith has no idea who took his effects. In fact, he did not miss his case or umbrella until he arrived at Columbia.

SHOOTS HER HUSBAND, THEN KILLS HERSELF

(By Associated Press.)
LAUREL, MISS., March 12.—Lee Jackson ten days ago was shot and killed by a pistol in the hands of his wife. Mrs. Jackson then shot herself fatally. Family troubles, it is said, drove the woman to desperation.

Real Gold Brick.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., March 12.—A real gold brick, valued at \$5,000, was exhibited at the Davis and Wiley Bank here yesterday. The product was taken from the Springer and Wiley mines. It is a heavy, lustrous and is one of a number of very valuable finds made at that place recently. The brick weighs about 30 pounds and was found to-day in the Pittsburg office of the mining company.

RECEIVERS FOR THE HENRY CLAY INN

Management of the Cozy Ashland Hotel Vested in the Court.

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NATIONAL SENATE WAS INVITED TO VIRGINIA

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—That Reed Smoot could not have been elected to the United States Senate without having first been chosen as an apostle of the Mormon Church, and that after he was so chosen he could not have been defeated was asserted to-day by Judge Ogden Hiles, formerly assistant United States attorney, and later a judge of the District Court in Utah, who was a witness in the Smoot case, before the Committee on Privileges and Elections. He told an interesting story of the persecutions of Mormons for polygamous living and the manner in which they had been met by the defendants.

Mr. Critchlow was first heard. He was questioned in regard to the sentiment for or against Reed Smoot for senator and said that so far as he was concerned he had no objection to Smoot personally, but opposed him on the ground that he was a general authority of the church. To ascertain the difference was the influence exercised by the Mormon Church over lay members, and official authorities, was the object of inquiry by Senators Hopkins and McCowan, and the answer of the witness indicated that the machinery of the church was so adjusted that either might be compelled to obey the behests of a lay member, and that the wishes of the high authorities might be enforced by the "reserve force" in politics which the church is said to maintain.

Thatcher Episode.

In the examination concerning the Thatcher episode it was brought out that Thatcher was in the same status in 1893 as to polygamy as was Brigham H. Roberts when he was elected to Congress, and that Mr. Cannon made his campaign, but Mr. Thatcher's wishes of the church just as did Thatcher. It also brought out that in 1893 Mr. Roberts had refused to sign the church rule in regard to politics, the same as Thatcher had refused to subscribe to church dictates. This was in 1893, the first campaign, but Mr. Critchlow could not say whether Mr. Roberts recanted before or after the election.

"Did he recant at all?" asked Senator Overman.

"Oh, yes, there is no question about that."

The witness was asked to explain the change of mind and said:

"It is understood, in fact it has been published in the official church papers, that authorities of the church labored and prayed with Mr. Roberts for six weeks and then announced that he had recanted a vision of his dead ancestors being lost to perdition because he was out of harmony with his church and could not go into the temple and be baptized, and thus save their souls as well."

After that the witness said, Mr. Roberts subscribed to the church rule and was not disfigured.

In Business Matters.

Instances were asked in which the church interfered in business matters in the last five years, and Mr. Critchlow mentioned the location of a union depot at Salt Lake, the incident at Brigham City, in which the church is said to have

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In Liquidation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GORDONSVILLE, VA., March 12.—The bank of Lockwood and Company, at this place has suspended business and will go into liquidation at once. The reason assigned is on account of the falling off of deposits. The American Bank of Orange, connected with the one here, has also suspended.

JOS. WILLARD IS OUT FOR GOVERNORSHIP



HON. JOSEPH WILLARD.

ANYTHING BUT HEARST

That Is the Feeling of New York, Even Hill and Murphy Agreeing.

DANIEL'S UNIQUE PLACE

He Is Possibly the Most Generally Popular Man in the Senate.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The political news of the week was of a peculiarly neutral effect. The Hearst people were elated at the capture by the candidate of six of the eight delegates from Rhode Island to the St. Louis convention, with the assurance that the entire delegation would be for Mr. Hearst under the unit rule. But on the same day Charles F. Murphy and David B. Hill had a long and friendly conference, at which all past differences were laid aside, and it was determined to unite the efforts of Tammany and the New York State Democracy to secure an instructed delegation for Judge Parker.

Many people think that this action in New York surely foreshadows the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker. Mr. Hill has been heartily for Mr. Parker all along, but Tammany Leader Murphy has rather wanted to see Mr. Cleveland made the nominee. Mr. Cleveland within the week, however, has reiterated his declaration of two months ago that he would not permit the use of his name to be entered into race.

Long in Public Service.

While but 38 years of age, Captain Willard has a unique record in public life. In 1883-'84 he served with distinction as captain of the 1st New York Cavalry.

CELIBATE A PRESENT TO MR. JNO. L. LEE

Fine Gelding, With a Record of Two Eleven and a Quarter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 12.—When Mr. John L. Lee returned last January from visiting his friend, Mr. M. H. Hanna, a brother of the late senator, at Thomasville, Ga., it was stated by some of his friends that during the visit Mr. Hanna had given to him a standard-bred trotter, valued at \$7,500. Last night that arrived in charge of a groom from Mr. Hanna's training track at Cleveland, Ky., a record of 2:11.4. The horse stands 15 3/4 hands and is normally a dark bay with black points, although having been recently clipped, it has the appearance of being a mouse color.

WANT CAPE HENRY FOR COAST DEFENSE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Representative Maynard, of Virginia, to-day introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to acquire by condemnation proceedings 1,200 acres of land on Cape Henry, Va., for the purpose of fortifying the land and coast defenses.

WORLD WIDE WAR ON THE HORIZON

England France May Become Involved.

RUSSIA PREPARING TO FIGHT BRITISH

German Newspaper Declares Slavs Are Fortifying the Baltic Against Possible Attack.

NEW COMMANDERS PUT HOPE IN RUSSIAN HEARTS

Admiral Makaroff's Aggressive Actions and Confidence in Kuropatkin, Who Goes to the Front, Has Changed Colors in St. Petersburg Skirmishes.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, 1904.)

LONDON, March 22.—Will England and France become embroiled in the Far Eastern struggle?

A dispatch from Paris, which tells of the arrest of a French traitor, who attempted to sell French naval secrets to the Japanese, makes revelations which indicate that a great war with Russia and France on the one side and England and Japan on the other is again being seriously considered in military circles during the full in the receipt of important news from the Far East.

The secrets which the traitor tried to sell to Japan, it is said, had particular reference to the naval action on the part of France and Russia.

The Tagblatt, in Berlin, asserts that the conviction prevails in Russia that war with England will be the inevitable outcome of the war with Japan, and that active preparations are being made for such a contingency by Russia, including measures for the defense of the Baltic coast. This was evidenced during the past week by the orders issued by the Russian government to all persons residing near the Baltic coast, and on the banks of the Neva to vacate their houses at once. This was taken to mean that the government intended preparing for a possible attack on the coast, which would be England's first aim in the event of hostilities.

Russia, meanwhile, is straining every nerve to overcome the advantage against her in the East.

There is an ominous note in the notice, which she has caused to be served upon the Chinese government by her minister at Peking, with regard to the activity of Chinese troops along the Manchurian frontier. Russia notifies China that she will take the measures necessary to safeguard her interests if the troops commit any depredations.

In St. Petersburg, Admiral Makaroff's aggressive actions are hailed with joy and the report of his bold sortie at Port Arthur in the face of great odds, was received with the wildest manifestations of enthusiasm. He is expected to bring the naval forces to a higher degree of efficiency than has hitherto been manifested.

General Kuropatkin, in leaving for the East is reported to have made the boast that after driving the Japanese from the main land, the Russians would overrun the Japanese islands and teach them a lesson they would never forget.

To-day, the elusive Vladivostok squadron was reported to be cruising about the Korean coast, harassing the landing operations of the Japanese.

In spite of Admiral Makaroff's aggressive policy, naval experts hold to the belief that Port Arthur is doomed, and that it falls the Russians will leave a little of it for the victors as they left of Moscow or Sebastopol and will not abandon it without a determined resistance to the last moment.

CINCINNATI TO PROTECT.

United States Cruiser to Remove Women and Children From Chinampo.

(By Associated Press.)
SEOUL, Friday, March 11.—The U. S. S. Cincinnati will leave Chinampo tomorrow for Chinampo to bring away the women and children from the American Company's mines at Unsan. The families of American missionaries, south of the Yalu, are not considered to be in any danger, but every precaution is being taken for their safety. A messenger from the mines to Unsan, who left Chinampo on Wednesday last, says that everything is quiet in that vicinity. Only a few countering parties of Cossacks are seen north of that point, and there are probably only a few hundred Russians in all south of the Yalu. There is little prospect for any serious conflict in this quarter, with the exception of the six weeks. Thus far there has been no trouble at the mines and there is little likelihood they will be interfered with, both sides having been given every assurance in that respect. The only possible danger is from struggling parties of Cossacks, but from marked by demonstrations of patriotism and personal regard such as seldom have been witnessed in the Russian capital. The

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